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—FOR THE—
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AUDITORS' REPORT.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT, MARCH 1, 1885.

Received cash and gave town notes as recorded in note and cash books, at 4 per cent int.,	\$5,214 00
Received of State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	40 90
“ “ “ Savings Bank tax,	230 00
“ “ “ Literary fund,	68 32
“ “ “ Bounties on wild animals,	111 60
Received of Sullivan County, pauper bills for September, 1884, and January, 1885,	406 05
Received of Merrimack County, for support of Nelson Young,	52 28
Received of town of Sunapee, for support of Carrie B. Young,	34 00
Received of H. J. Collins, use of town hall,	1 00
	<hr/> \$6,158 15
Paid James T. Colby, Treasurer for 1884, as shown by receipts,	6,158 15

TOWN LIABILITIES MAR. 1, 1885.

Town notes with interest added to date,	\$21,103 97
Town bond of 1875,	100 00
Town bond coupons unpaid,	6 00
Town minister money unpaid,	16 66
School money unpaid,	109 37
Sheep damage,	12 00
Due Daniel Downs, over-tax,	20 00
	<hr/> \$21,368 00

AVAILABILITIES.

Cash in hands of Jas. T. Colby, Treasurer,	\$820 91
Due on Collector's bond, 1881, S. Heath, Col ,	44 02
“ “ “ 1882, “ “	125 13
“ “ “ 1883, “ “	309 27
“ “ “ 1884, “ “	1,819 67
Due from Sargent Heath, Collector, for highway tax assessed in 1882, not worked out,	1 95
Due on highway tax of 1883, not worked,	6 52
Due from county of Sullivan,	13 40
Due from U. S., bounty,	1,150 00
	<hr/> 4,290 87

Town debt over availabilities,	\$17,077 13
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Town debt \$1,893 73 less than reported last year.

JOHN H. JOHNSON,	} Selectmen of Springfield.
MARTIN M. WIGGINS,	
GEORGE W. CLARK,	

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Reported due on bond of Sargent Heath, Collector for 1880, last year,		\$10 61
Abated on said bond, taxes to—		
Esther A. Aldrich, inability,	\$6 25	
John B. Loverin, “	3 98	
John W. Sanborn, “	40	
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	\$10 63	
Less error by abatement,	02	
	<hr/>	10 61
Due on Collector's bond of 1881, Sargent Heath, Collector, last year,		\$63 54
Abated on said bond, taxes to—		
Joe V. Cofran, left town,	\$2 50	
John B. Loverin, inability,	4 52	
John W. Sanborn, “	2 50	
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	\$9 52	
Cash paid Treasurer,	10 00	
	<hr/>	19 52
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Balance due on bond of 1881,		\$44 02

Due on bond of Sargent Heath, Collector for 1882,
last year, \$167 93

Taxes abated on said bond to—

Joe V. Cofran, left town,	\$2 50
Daniel Ryder,	1 90
George Hardy, left town.	2 50
T. F. Hoyt, inability	2 50
T. H. Quimby, illegal,	2 50
M. P. Smith, left town.	2 50
George E. Stevens, left town,	2 50

\$16 90

Cash paid Treasurer,

25 90

42 80

Balance due on bond of 1882, \$125 13

Due on bond of Sargent Heath, Collector for 1883,
last year, \$1,361 20

Taxes abated on said bond to—

Jas. Richardson estate, over-tax,	\$3 49
Moses Noyes, illegal,	2 50
Darling Kempton, illegal,	2 50
David Morrison, inability,	2 50
Eugene Buswell, illegal,	2 50
George Tewksbury, illegal,	3 99
Alstead Brownell, over-tax,	1 00
T. F. Hoyt, inability,	2 50
Charles A. Heath, paid in Grafton,	2 50

\$23 48

Cash paid Treasurer,

1,028 45

1,051 93

Balance due on bond of 1883, \$309 27
(Received interest on above bond, \$19 90.)

Due on bond of Sargent Heath, Collector, for taxes
assessed and put in his hands for collection, \$4,767 07

Taxes abated on said bond to—

J. F. Hardy, over-tax,	\$4 80
Moses Noyes, illegal,	2 40

F. P. George, over-tax,	12 36
J. B. Richardson, illegal,	2 40
J. L. George, over-tax,	2 40
M. M. Davis, “	2 74
Herbert Langley, overtax,	60
Franklin Paper Co., “	2 62
Herbert Quimby, “	2 42
Moses Messer, “	94
C. S. Beers,	1 00
Frank A. George, overtax,	1 20
Melina Maxfield, “	4 80
Center F. Smith, “	1 20
S. P. Colby,	1 00
Arthur Roby, illegal,	2 40
Wm. R. Brownell, sworn off,	2 40
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	\$47 68
Non-resident highway tax worked,	87 05
Cash paid Treasurer,	2,812 65
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	2,947 38
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Balance on above bond due town,	\$1,819 69

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIVED.

Received of Treasurer of last year,	\$687 06
“ Selectmen for 1884,	6,158 15
“ Sargent Heath, Collector for 1880,	10 63
“ “ “ “ “ 1881,	19 52
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	42 80
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	1,051 93
“ “ “ Interest on bond of 1883,	19 90
“ “ “ Collector for 1884,	2,947 38
Interest received on town's money,	14 25
	<hr/> \$10,951 62

PAID OUT ON ORDERS OF SELECTMEN. SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, John C. Nichols,	\$92 64
“ 2, John Robie,	43 50
“ 3, Hosea B. Chase,	38 07
“ 5, George W. Clark,	40 27
“ 6, Orra M. Philbrick,	61 50
“ 8, Albert Morrill,	46 73
“ 9, Alonzo B. Putney,	61 03
“ 10, Oscar F. Eastman,	48 90
“ 13, Daniel H. Peaslee,	57 91
G. B. Smith, money to A. C. Philbrick,	4 17
	<hr/> \$494 72
Paid State tax,	\$360 00
Paid County tax,	386 57
	<hr/> 746 57

EXTRA REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amos H. Pillsbury, breaking roads in 1883-4,	\$7 40
G. B. Smith, " " 1884,	7 35
Frank Currier, " " "	5 30
R. W. Allen, " " "	7 00
W. A. French, " " "	2 50
John Morrill, " " "	5 50
M. T. Chase, cutting out snow on New London road,	2 20
William Bean, labor on highway,	1 87
M. M. Wiggins, labor and cash paid out on road,	5 76
William Bean, labor on turnpike,	2 75
E. S. Kibbee, labor and cash paid out,	20 13
Lorenzo Dow, labor,	10 25
J. H. Cofran, labor,	2 76
M. M. Wiggins, labor,	1 25
C. M. Noyes, labor,	1 00
C. M. Noyes, breaking road,	4 00
F. B. Nichols, breaking road,	1 80
J. C. Nichols, cash paid for labor on road,	2 50
W. C. Philbrick, plank and labor,	3 66
J. B. S. Pillsbury, labor,	2 00
Russell Kidder, breaking,	5 54
Sargent Heath, plank, timber and labor,	22 82
E. E. Loverin, plank and timber,	18 48
A. J. Kidder, labor and cash paid out,	49 00
G. F. Heath, " " "	2 50
C. H. Clemens, labor,	1 25
R. W. Allen, cutting bushes and repairing bridge,	14 25
C. F. Woodward, breaking,	2 70
J. F. Hardy, labor and cash paid out,	6 00
Center F. Smith, breaking in 1884,	6 00
F. P. George, breaking,	5 00
J. H. Cofran, labor,	5 48
J. W. Sanborn, breaking,	2 40
J. C. Nichols, breaking and cash paid out,	6 00
O. C. Heath, breaking,	1 50
Jas. T. Colby, plank and timber,	14 33
Lorenzo Dow, labor,	2 50
Sargent Heath, breaking Aldrich road,	1 00
H. H. Philbrick, breaking,	2 00

E. D. Kempton, labor,	1 25
H. W. Stevens, labor and plank,	3 25
	<hr/> 270 25

Only \$4.63 of the above amount was paid for breaking roads this winter.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

A. B. Feeman, printing reports, 1883,	\$18 24
J. L. Brown, memorial services,	15 00
J. H. Johnson, school-house tax, No. 6,	50 00
Chas. McDaniel, over-tax,	2 42
Chas. McDaniel, over-tax,	1 83
Chas. McDaniel, Univ. minister money,	2 40
L. F. Hill, opening nine graves,	18 00
J. B. Sanborn, record books,	7 00
J. H. Johnson, cash paid out.	10 60
J. H. Johnson, certificates of births and deaths.	1 75
F. P. George, water tub for 1883-4,	3 00
H. J. Collins, care of town house,	6 00
H. T. Sanborn, 12 burial permits,	1 80
M. M. Wiggins, taking affidavits, keeping tramps, and stamps,	7 24
S. L. Bowers, services in Sim. Green case,	8 00
F. C. Eastman, stationery,	6 18
J. B. Sanborn, record books and digest,	7 50
Lewis Howard, Methodist minister money.	13 92
D. P. Goodhue, certificates of births and deaths,	6 00
	<hr/> \$186 88

ABATEMENTS AND NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED OUT.

Sargent Heath, on Collector's bond of 1880,	\$10 63
" " " " 1881,	9 52
" " " " 1882,	16 90
" " " " 1883,	23 48
" " " " 1884,	47 68
	<hr/> \$108 21
Sargent Heath, for non-resident highway tax worked out for 1884,	\$87 05

DOG DAMAGE.

Charles E. Thornton, on sheep,	\$10 00	
Isaac R. Chase, “	6 00	
Amasa S. Abbott, “	3 00	
Sargent Heath, “	4 00	
Phineas Messer, “	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$26 00

ROAD DAMAGE.

Joseph Davis, Jr., on plow,	\$4 50	
Francis P. George, on plow,	2 00	
H. T. Sanborn, keeping stage horses,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$7 50

PAUPER BILLS.

Saloma Clifford,	\$59 25	
Priscilla Hook,	47 58	
Sarah Hutchins,	5 29	
Carrie B. Young,	34 00	
Jeremiah Stevens,	143 55	
Philinda Quimby,	74 80	
Nelson Young,	52 28	
Reuben Kidder,	72 25	
Samuel A. Rowell,	6 93	
Samuel Perkins,	12 75	
	<hr/>	\$508 68
Received of County of Sullivan,	\$406 05	
“ “ Merrimack,	52 28	
“ Town of Sunapee,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$492 33
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		\$16 35

DOG DAMAGE AND TAX ACCOUNT.

Dog taxes not used for damages prior to April 1st, 1884, have been used for school purposes.

Dog tax assessed for 1884,	\$44 00
Damage to sheep ordered to be paid out,	12 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

John H. Johnson, services as First Selectman and expenses,	\$76 01
Martin M. Wiggins, services as Second Selectman and expenses,	54 89
George W. Clark, services as Third Selectman and expenses,	41 51
James T. Colby, services as Treasurer and cash paid out,	25 00
H. H. Messer, S. S. Committee and for school notices,	21 00
Sargent Heath, Collector, for collecting \$3,000,	30 00
Stephen P. Colby, Supervisor,	5 65
John C. Nichols, Supervisor,	4 00
D. P. Goodhue and W. C. Philbrick, for services as Auditors.	6 00
	<hr/> 264 06

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received by James T. Colby, Treasurer for 1883,	\$10,951 62
Whole amount paid out by Treasurer—	
School money,	\$494 72
State and county taxes,	746 57
Road bills, labor, and plank,	270 23
Miscellaneous bills,	186 88
Abatements,	108 21
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	87 05
Dog damages,	26 00
Road damages,	7 50
Pauper bills,	508 68
Town officers' bills,	264 06
Notes, bonds and coupons,	7,337 71
Bounties on wild animals,	<u>93 10</u>
	<hr/> 10,130 71
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	<hr/> \$820 91

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. P. GOODHUE, }
W. C. PHILBRICK, } Auditors.

March 1st, 1885.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN C. NICHOLS, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of ten and eight weeks. First term taught by Miss Nettie J. Hoag, of Stratham, with the same good success as in her three previous terms. Order good.

Second term, Miss Stella M. Baker, of Goshen, teacher. Miss Baker's method of teaching and governing not being the best, the progress made by the scholars was not as satisfactory as I should like to report. Order very poor.

First term: Whole number of pupils, 27; average daily attendance, 24. Second term: Whole number of pupils, 22; average daily attendance, 19.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Stella M. and Clarence D. Collins, Libbie A. Goodhue, Lucinda F. Heath. First term: Alice M. Collins, Mertie E., Ilda M., and Joseph L. George, Lennie M. Heath, Carrie M. Jackman, D. Henry Goodhue, Bertie G. Morgan. Ruel L. Heath, absent one day. Second term: Lillian I. and A. Burton Brown, Allie R. Hill.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN ROBIE, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of six and eight weeks, taught by Miss Emma M. Stearns, of Wilmot. Considering the number and size of the scholars, Miss Stearns did as much as could be done. Order good.

Whole number of pupils first term, 4; average daily attendance, 4. Whole number of pupils second term, 6; average daily attendance, 4.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Alice S. and Bernie A. Robie. First term: Weston S. Dow, Josie M. Robie.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

HOSEA B. CHASE, Prudential Committee.

One term of twelve weeks, under the able instruction of Miss

Augusta A. Colby. Miss Colby is so well known as a teacher that any comments by me would be superfluous. Order good.

Whole number of pupils, 4; average daily attendance, 3 5.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Oren T. Colby.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

GEORGE W. CLARK, Prudential Committee.

One term of ten weeks, Miss Edna L. Morgan, of Enfield, teacher. At my first visit the school appeared well. I was unable to attend the closing examination, but from what I have learned, some of the scholars received more attention than others. Order good.

Whole number of pupils, 15; average daily attendance, 11.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Minnie T. and Marshall P. Clark, Frank, Delber and Daniel Colcord.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

ORRA M. PHILLBRICK, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of seven and eleven weeks. First term, Miss B. Josie Baker, of New London, teacher. Miss B. is an excellent teacher, and it is much to be regretted that her school was obliged to be closed on account of her poor health. Order good.

Second term, Miss Clara B. Barton, of Croydon, teacher. Miss Barton is a lady of good qualification, and an excellent disciplinarian. Order good.

Whole number of pupils first term, 18; average daily attendance, 16. Whole number of pupils second term, 22; average daily attendance, 21.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Leona G. Philbrick, absent one day, sickness. First term: Sarah A. Colcord, Lennie J., Carl B., Georgie D. Philbrick. Eva M. Philbrick, absent one day, sickness. Second term: Horace Gibbs, Wallie J. Philbrick, David Clemens.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

ALBERT MORRILL, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of eight and four weeks, taught by Miss Nellie S. Barton, of Newport. Miss B. is a pains-taking teacher, and the first term was very successful. At the beginning of the second term your committee, as well as the teacher and scholars, sadly missed the little one who had been taken from them. The school was obliged to close on account of sickness. Order good.

First term, whole number of pupils, 13; average daily attend-

ance, 12. Second term, whole number of pupils, 7; average daily attendance, 5.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Willie S. Fowler, Walter G. Morrill. Norman H. Morrill, absent once. First term: Herbert B., Ernest L., Milo B., Byron F., Harris H., Amy E., Gertie and Viola E. Morrill.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

ALONZO B. PUTNEY, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of seven and ten weeks, under the instruction of Miss Angie B. Colby. The fact that Miss Colby has taught four terms in this district is sufficient recommendation. The scholars were exceedingly well drilled on the map of our own state, being able to name and locate all the towns. Order good.

First term, whole number of pupils, 10; average daily attendance, 10. Second term, whole number of pupils, 13; average daily attendance, 11.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Diana M., Florence A., Dora R., and Delma H. Putney, Charley H. and Silas W. Rollins, Guy A. Loverin. First term: Fannie M. Brown, Sadie E. Putney. Second term: Delbert L. Putney.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

OSCAR F. EASTMAN, Prudential Committee.

Two terms of eight and fourteen weeks. First term taught by Miss Stella M. Baker, of Goshen. At my first visit the school appeared very nicely, and think quite good improvement was made. Order good.

Second term, conducted by Miss Nellie S. Barton, of Newport. Miss B. met with the same good success which attended her previous terms in District No. 8. Order good.

First term, whole number of pupils, 12; average daily attendance, 10. Second term, whole number of pupils, 16; average daily attendance, 10.

ROLL OF HONOR.—For the year: Mabel E. Thornton. First term: Alfred B. Pillsbury, Forest T. Weeks, Alice M. Perkins. Second term: George W. Colby, absent one half-day.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

A. J. KIDDER, Prudential Committee.

This school, taught by Mary A. Kidder, is still in session. It will doubtless be a success.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

DANIEL H. PEASLEE, Prudential Committee.

First term, commenced by Miss M. E. Ryder, of Grantham, was in session but one week.

Second term, taught by Miss Alice M. Smith, of Grantham. Your committee did not visit this school until the fourth week, but found the teacher and scholars doing their best. Order very good.

Whole number pupils, 11; average daily attendance 9.8.

ROLL OF HONOR: Florence M. and Clarence M. Heath, Wilbur E. Powers.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN: In submitting this report I take pleasure in stating that most of the schools compare very favorably with those of last year. With one or two exceptions the standard of order has been as high. Order is justly considered the first requisite, and if teachers would realize that plenty of work left no room for play, it might be much more easily preserved. The teacher who is ambitious for her school can very easily reach the highest point of success by rousing a like ambition in the pupil and making him feel that she is not only working for him, but with him. The old adage, "Like master, like man," is no less true when it reads, "Like teacher, like scholar." A teacher who is wide-awake and interested in her work, cannot fail to impart some of her own enthusiasm to her pupils, and inspire in them a confidence in herself, without which any amount of labor must be a failure. A teacher who shows partiality will arouse ambition only in the favored few, for in just the degree in which these advance the rest will be discouraged.

Quite a number of our school-houses need a good deal of repairing. Parents should see that their children are not confined in school-houses calculated to destroy their health and debase their better feelings. It is the duty of districts to furnish good school-houses, and it is no less their duty to see that they are well taken care of. Both teacher and scholars will take more pride in caring for a neat and comfortable building than in trying to keep neat one which they feel cannot be much worse.

Once more thanking you for your cooperation and courtesy, I respectfully submit the foregoing.

HERBERT H. MESSER, Supt. School Committee.
Springfield, N. H., February 19, 1885.

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